MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know from what source water is tapped at Vaikom?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It is from a well. A very good well, I suppose, yields a good deal of water. I have ordered an investigation into the matter.

Water scarcity in the Quilon town.

159 *MR. K. A. MAHOMED (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that there is acute water scarcity in the Quilon town?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Not till this year when there was an unprecedented drought.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR (*Karunagapally* cum *Kartigapally*): May I know whether there is any scheme for water supply at Quilon in view of the recent scarcity of water at that place?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Not as a general question.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: Is there any scheme under consideration for water supply to Quilon, in consideration of the shortage of water during very dry seasons?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes Sir, there is one.

MR. A. K. BHASKAR (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): May I know whether representations have been received from the Quilon Municipality for providing permanent water supply to Quilon town?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: There was a recent application. An investigation has been ordered.

MR. P. K KURIAKOSE: May I know whether there was any attempt to prevent shortage of water this year at Quilon?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It came to our notice rather too late. In the meanwhile rains came on.

MR. V. GANGADHARAN NAIR (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to introduce water supply in the town of Quilon?

PRESIDENT: It is a suggestion for future action.

Inspection of Manimala bridge and Moolepilackal crossing.

160 *MR. K. G. KESAVAN NAIR (*Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Chief Engineer has inspected the Manimala bridge and the Moolepilackal crossing; and

(*b*) the results of that inspection?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Instructions have been issued to prepare estimates for bridges at both the sites.

Improvement to Appathukulam.

161 *MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any petition was received by Government for improvement of the Appathukulam, Kunnathur pakuthi;

(*b*) if so, whether any steps are taken for effecting the necessary improvements?

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